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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM MOSCOW DATED APRIL 16, 1977  
SENT SECSTATE WASHDC IS REPEATED TO YOU: QUOTE

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DEPT PASS ERDA FOR ACTING ADMINISTRATOR FRI FROM AMBASSADOR

DEPT FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARIES HARTMAN AND MINK

E. O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: TGEN, ENRG, PFOR, US, UR

SUBJECT: US-USSR ENERGY AGREEMENT (08.00)

REFS: STATE 66558, STATE 78051

1. I AM DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE DECISION NOT TO PROVIDE  
A CRYOGENIC REFRIGERATOR TO THE SOVIETS AFTER ERDA HAD  
AGREED TO DO SO, IN WRITING, EVERY YEAR SINCE 1973. THE NEW  
DEPUTY MINISTER FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS OF THE MINISTRY  
OF POWER AND ELECTRIFICATION, N.A. LOPATIN, UNDERLINED TO  
US YESTERDAY HIS SURPRISE AND DISMAY AT THIS UNEXPECTED  
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2. THE SOVIETS INDICATE THE LACK OF THIS PROMISED EQUIPMENT  
WILL SLOW DOWN THEIR DOMESTIC CRYOGENIC PROGRAM, WHICH THEY  
CONSIDER HIGHLY IMPORTANT, AND THAT THEY ARE AT A LOSS AS  
TO WHAT TO DO WITH THE CRYOGENIC CABLE WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN  
FABRICATING FOR DELIVERY TO THE U.S. IN RETURN FOR THE

REFRIGERATOR. THEY ALSO DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE RATIONALE WE HAVE PUT FORTH FOR CANCELLATION, I.E., CUTBACKS IN U.S. POWER TRANSMISSION RESEARCH, AT A TIME WHEN THE PRESIDENT HAS PUT ENERGY CONSERVATION AT THE TOP OF OUR NATIONAL PRIORITIES LIST.

3. THE ENERGY AGREEMENT AND THE OTHER SPECIALIZED BILATERALS HAD THEIR GENESIS IN THE IDEA THAT, DESPITE POLITICAL DIFFERENCES, THE U.S. AND THE SOVIET UNION WOULD BE ABLE TO BUILD MUTUAL TRUST AND CONFIDENCE THROUGH WORKING TOGETHER IN AREAS OF HIGH CONCERN TO BOTH NATIONS. THE ERDA DECISION RUNS COUNTER TO THIS PROPOSITION; IT NOT ONLY OFFERS THE SOVIETS AN EXCELLENT EXCUSE FOR RENEGING ON THEIR OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE SPECIALIZED BILATERALS BUT GIVES AID AND COMFORT TO THOSE HERE WHO PROFESS THAT THE UNITED STATES IS DISREGARDING COMMITMENTS MADE UNDER THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION. IT ALSO COMES AT A PARTICULARLY INOPPORTUNE TIME, WHEN WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO ELICIT SOVIET COOPERATION ON A BROAD RANGE OF ENERGY MATTERS BOTH BILATERALLY AND MULTILATERALLY. I THEREFORE STRONGLY URGE ERDA TO REVERSE ITS DECISION AND TO SUPPLY THE REFRIGERATOR AS IT HAS SOLEMNLY AND REPEATEDLY OBLIGATED ITSELF TO DO.  
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